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REMARKS

Summary Of The Office Action

Claims 4 and 5 are pending in the application. Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Rousseau (FR '216) in view of Hirai (JP '90-3) and Nishikawa et al. (US '931). Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4 and 5 are not unpatentable over the applied references.

Analysis Of The Rejections of Claims 4-5

In the present Office Action, the Examiner applies the same references as were applied in the previous Office Action and states that Rousseau teaches that capacitor compensators 27 are disposed on the respective striplines in a row with the via holes of the respective stripline. For this teaching, the Examiner refers to Fig. 3. (See page 3 of the Office Action, lines 8-9).

Applicant submits, however, that Rousseau does not disclose that the capacitor compensators 27 are disposed on the respective striplines in a straight line with the via holes of the respective stripline. More specifically, the capacitor compensators 27 of Fig. 3 do not appear to be disposed on the respective stripline in a straight line with the via holes of the respective stripline. That is, Fig. 5 shows via hole 21 and capacitor compensator 27. Capacitor compensator 27 does not appear to be disposed on the respective striplines in a straight line with the via hole 15 of the respective stripline.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly-requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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